

LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP AT A GLANCE

GEOGRAPHY AND HISTORY

Lawrence Township is 21.9 square miles and is located in the heart of Mercer County. Originally called Maidenhead in the late 1600s, Lawrence Township was noted for its rich, fertile soil. Renamed after Captain John Lawrence, a naval hero of 1812, Lawrence has experienced much commercial and residential development yet still has many rural qualities. Lawrenceville School, a private coeducational school, is one of the largest historical sites in Mercer County.

DEMOGRAPHICS

Total Population	
2000 (Census)	29,159
1990 (Census)	25,787
2025 Forecast	41,010
Density (pop./sq. mile), 2000	1,331
Racial Composition, 2000	
White	23,101
Black	2,707
Asian & Other	3,351
Persons of Hispanic Origin, 2000	1,344
Median Age, 2000	36.7
Total Households, 2000	10,797
Persons Per Household, 2000	2.49
Household Income, 1999 (median)	\$67,959
Per Capita Income	
1989	\$23,605
1999	\$33,120

Source: US Census Bureau & NJ Department of Labor,
2025 Forecast: DVRPC, Feb 2002

HOUSING

Total Housing Units	
1990 (Census)	9,640
2000 (Census)	11,180
Occupied, 2000	10,797
Owner	7,640
Renter	3,157
Vacant, 2000	383
Single-Family, 2000	7,739
Multi-Family, 2000	3,441
Res. Bldg. Permits Issued, 2002	224

Source: US Census, NJ Department of Labor

TAXES

Net Taxable Value	\$2,554,498,658
County Equalization Ratio	89.91%
General Tax Rate Per \$100	2.86

Source: County Board of Taxation, 2002

EMPLOYMENT

Labor Force, 2000	23,687
Private Sector Employment	
1980	15,760
1990	21,496

Source: NJ Department of Labor

Major Employers:

Bristol-Myers Squibb
Educational Testing Service
Rider University
Lenox
Lawrenceville School
St. Lawrence Rehab Center

Source: County Division of Economic Development

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Grades K-8, Lawrence Township Schools
Grades 9-12, Lawrence High School
Total Enrollment, 1999 - 2000 **3,791**
(Includes High School students from
Washington Township)

FORM OF GOVERNMENT

Council/Manager

SEWER & WATER

Water: Elizabethtown Water Company
Lawrenceville Water Company
Trenton City Water Department
Private Wells
Sewer: Ewing-Lawrence Sewerage Authority
Private Septic

RECREATION

Central Park
Colonial Lake Park
Village Park